

## Grater Woods Subcommittee meeting minutes Jan 20 2015

Meeting started at 6:35PM

**Members in attendance:** Jason Wright, Joe Cogan, Matt Caron, Steve Desilets, Gage Perry, Nat Fairbanks,

**Members missing:** Steve Bachand, Adam Dodge, Roger Blais, Shannon Barnes

**Guests:** Joe Mroz.

**Public comment. (None)**

### **AGENDA**

#### **Joe Mroz Scout project. Trail and Bridge at Grater Woods.**

½ mile Category B trail should not impact any wetlands and will connect brickyard and Red maple. This trail will have a bridge to avoid seasonal run off. Plan is to re-walk in spring (to evaluate water/runoff etc.) and then raise funding for the project. Funding is expected at approx. \$500 and will be done via car washes and bake sales. Current Plan is for a walk through to evaluate in the spring and once approved the work would likely start in the summer and finish by fall 2015. Brought up that the bridge location (if in wetlands) would need DES approval.

**Information pamphlet for Grater Woods** Create a pamphlet for Police to hand out during Police targeted patrols. Patrols would be for areas of concern in Grater Woods (“shooting range”) ATV usage. Plan is to have target days /target patrol areas (Grater Woods sub-committee would accompany).

One side has a map /other side. If the map is not in color ensure map denotes trail usage with some other indicator. Have a section on Motorized use (explicit on where they can use/ where they cannot access.).

Picture grater woods on cover

Map.

Trail categories.

Dog cleanup info. /pickup after your pet.

Denote bridges on map.

Link to Merrimack outdoors

Police contact number (for violations) and emergency number for injury.

(Steve and Matt to put together for Feb meeting).

**Trail signage update.**

There is enough trail signs to satisfy the marking on the new proposed trail, but other markers are running low. May use the funding from the Scout project for the purchase of the trail markers for the new trail.

### **Spring cleanup/trim back.**

Currently not a lot of trail cleanup needed will re-assess during the spring.

May need to re-chip the path to the School education area.

### **Red Maple trail improvement**

Section of red maple between wildlife opening and Drilled rock. Trail is very rough/erosion etc. May need some work to address. Thoughts to either straighten it or to potentially use the "fill" near the corner of wildlife opening. Review in the spring along with potential work on Red Maple drainage issues. (Bring back up on Feb agenda).

### **Existing trail review**

A couple of new trails have been found on the property. One section connects Marty drive to conservation drive, but has motorized usage and is crossing wetlands. It is not on the map, it is not a sanctioned trail. Suggestion is to post the motorized restriction signs.

Another trail created near Amherst line and Merrimack line (grater road area). It is an unauthorized trail built for hiking and mountain biking. The "builder" has been instructed to not build on the property.

### **Drilled Rock Bridge Eagle Evan Pitre.**

New bridge is in many GW members have reviewed the bridge. Nice Job.

### **Additional Kiosk locations**

Suggestion for some Kiosk.

Top of Grater road near Salamander,  
Near south grater road.

One in the Wildlife opening. All of these might be good for Eagle Scout projects.

Remove graffiti on overlook /seal. Some minor

### **Map updated.**

If new scout trail is added we will need to update the map.

### **Blood Road/ Bambi lane bridge grant**

Need to review as School kids using to get to School. Needs a bridge, crosses wetland and goes to School property.

Bring up again at next meeting.

**Feb 11th meeting of the MCC with the ACC at the Fire/Police safety center in Amherst.**

Merrimack Conservation will meet with the Amherst Conservation committee.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS –**

September meeting minutes were approved.  
November meeting minutes to be reviewed.

**PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES**

Meeting ended at 8:55 PM.

**Next meeting scheduled for Feb 17th . (6:30PM)**

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